Class-II

	Total	Gen.	SC	ST	OBC
Strength as Per Roster	161	123	19	8	11
Actual Postition	160	127	24	8	1
Shortfall/Excess	—1	+4	+5	—	—10

Class-Ill

	Total	Gen.	SC	ST	OBC
Strength as Per Roster	147	94	20	9	24
Actual Postition	167**	124	38	4	1
Shortfall/Excess	+20	+30	+ 18	—5	—23

* * 16 Posts of UDC were declared surplus after the SIU study in Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals. Further 4 Steno Grade-D were also surplus which have been adjusted in the subsequent years.

Class-IV

	Total	Gen.	SC	ST	OBC
Strength as Per Roster	109	82	14	6	7
Actual Postition	107	59	44	2	2
Shortfall/Excess	—2	—23	+30	-4	—5

Opening of CIPET Centres

3421. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CIPET Centres to be opened in States during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether there is any provision for opening such a centre in the North-Eastem Region; and

(c) if so, whether such centre would be allotted to Manipur where no centre of Central Government has been opened till now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (c) While an Extension Centre of Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology (CIPET) is already operational at Imphal in Manipur, during the period of the 9th Five Year Plan, Extension Centres of CIPET are being set up at Haldia in West Bengal, Patna in Bihar and Guwahati in Assam.

Bill for Indian Fertilizer Industry

3422. SHRI VED PRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to draft a comprehensive Bill for simplying the working of Indian Fertilizer Industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether draft of the said Bill has since been finalised; and

(d) by when the same is likely to be introduced in Parliament and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Questions do not arise.

Antibiotics factory of IDPL at Rishikesh

3423. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the antibiotics factory of IDPL at Rishikesh has been lying closed since 1996;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) the annual estimated loss due to the closure; and

(d) the steps taken and being taken for reopening and reviving the factory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) The operations in the plant of IDPL,